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In re Application of:)
 Antonio PRONI et al.)
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 For: PROCESSING METHOD OF A)
 MIXTURE FOR TYRE RUBBER)
 COMPOUND)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Add two section headings, a section subheading, and a paragraph immediately after the title PROCESSING METHOD OF A MIXTURE FOR TYRE RUBBER COMPOUND, as follows:

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